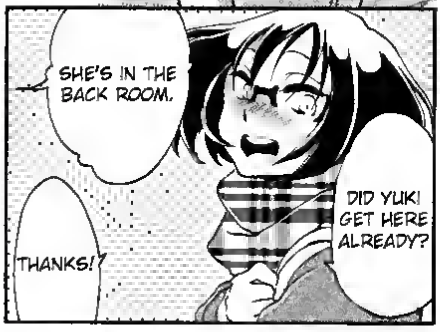
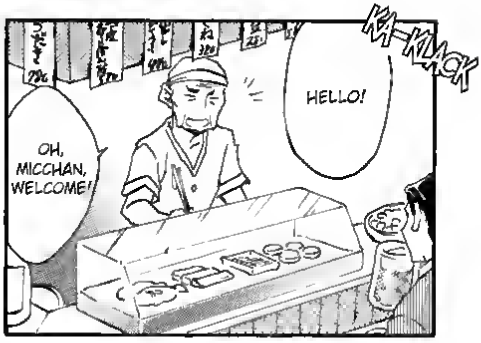
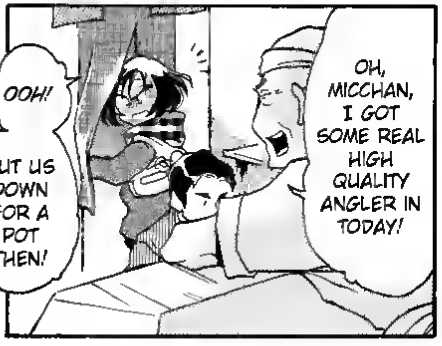
9TH GLASS

MICCHAN LOSES TO THE COLD







I'M PRETTY BAD AT ACTUALLY DRINKING IT.
HOT SAKE...
IT'S GOOD, AND I LIKE IT, BUT...
"BAD"?

HEY YUKI, HOW'S IT GOING?
SHE SAID SHE'D BE A LITTLE LATE, AND TO START WITHOUT HER.
OH, HI
HUH? IS SONO NOT HERE YET?
CAN DO.
SHINONOME YUKI (29, HOUSEWIFE)

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SHOULD WE ORDER SOMETHING TO WARM YOU UP?
BUT MAN, IS IT EVER COLD OUT THERE.
SOME-THING TO WARM ME UP? SOUNDS GOOD!

COUGH!

SQUEEZE

The alcohol vapors choke me up
SO YEAH, SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
ahh...
DRIP
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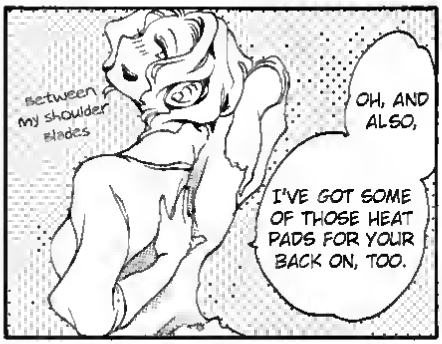
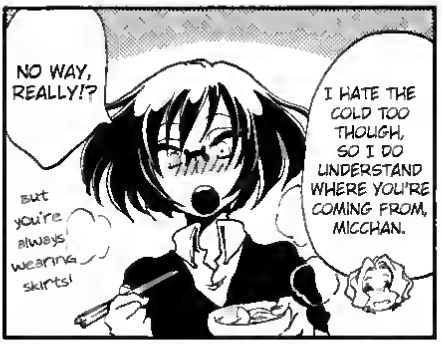
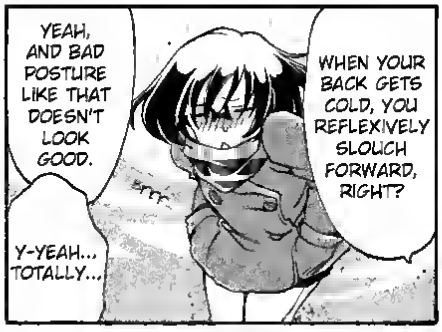
Ahh
SOO WARMM...
I GUESS I'LL GET SOME HOT SAKE THEN.

THE COLD IS TOO STRONG FOR FASHION TO WIN!
IT'S OVER, I'M DONE!
I CAN'T HELP BUT CHOOSE PANTS OVER SKIRTS ANY-MORE!
float
AAH...
HOT SAKE
IT REALLY DOES...
IT REALLY DOES WARM YOU UP..
SKIRT
ROLL
maybe we should try some other hot drinks...
...
steam
steam
steam
UH, WELL, LOOK! I AM WEARING TIGHTS TOO, SEE!
they're even 80 denier!
AUGH!
YUKI, YOU'RE TOO BRIGHT!
MIC-CHAN, CALM DOWN!
#this means warm
LATELY...
MICCHAN?
HI SONO.
ah,
this loon...
...WHAT NOW?
glad you're here
sister in pants!
COM-RADE!
MIC-CHAN!
I'VE GOTTEN SO SENSITIVE TO THE COLD... I CAN REALLY FEEL THE YEARS...
I can't even bear to wear your cute skirts...

BUT SOMETIMES I JUST REALLY WANT TO WEAR A SKIRT, YOU KNOW?
since you've got thin legs
BUT WHY WORRY ABOUT IT, EVEN IF YOU DO LOSE TO THE COLD AND GO OUT IN PANTS?
YOU LOOK FINE IN THEM.
OW.
who are you calling comrade? ^^
I'M NOT WEARING THESE JUST BECAUSE IT'S COLD YOU KNOW.
CHOP
BUT IT'S COLD.
WELL THEN WEAR ONE.
THAT MAKES SENSE FOR A BOOKSTORE.
we do a lot of lifting
ohh
I NEED TO WEAR SOMETHING EASY TO MOVE IN FOR WORK.
hey, here's your ramen!
OOH, SONO! TOO COOL!
URK.
BUT WHEN I NEED TO I HAVE NO TROUBLE GOING OUT LIKE THIS, COLD OR NOT.
OKAY, SETTLE DOWN. THE FOOD'S HERE NOW SO LET'S JUST START EATING, ALRIGHT?
you
crack
SO, SONO... CAN I GET A FEEL OF THOSE WELL-TRAINED GLUTES OF YOURS?
FLEX
THESE MUSCLES AREN'T FOR NOTHING, YOU KNOW.
fidget
NO.
MIYAUCHI MISONO (29) HOBBY: WEIGHT-LIFTING


between my shoulder blades
OH, AND ALSO,
I'VE GOT SOME OF THOSE HEAT PADS FOR YOUR BACK ON, TOO.

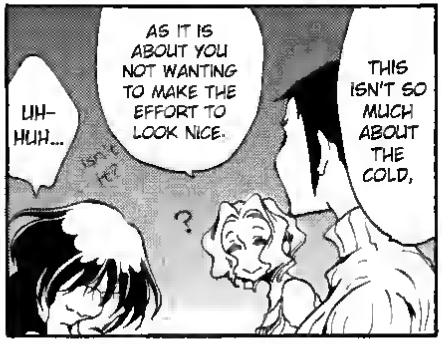

NO WAY, REALLY!?
but you're always wearing skirts!
I HATE THE COLD TOO THOUGH, SO I DO UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM, MICCHAN.


YEAH, AND BAD POSTURE LIKE THAT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.
Y-YEAH... TOTALLY...
WHEN YOUR BACK GETS COLD, YOU REFLEXIVELY SLOUCH FORWARD, RIGHT?
brrr

It's pretty impressive when I start taking things off♡
REALLY, REALLY.
I JUST GO ALL OUT UNDER MY CLOTHES TO KEEP WARM.
OH?
twitch

NOW I GET IT.
AHH...
what else
UH-HUH...

WHY SO DEAD SET ON SKIRTS?
and such
like a thin belly warmer
WELL, THESE TIGHTS ARE PRETTY WARM, FOR ONE. I ALSO WEAR STUFF TO KEEP AROUND MY WAIST AND STOMACH WARM
HM?
HUH


UH-HUH...
isn't it?
AS IT IS ABOUT YOU NOT WANTING TO MAKE THE EFFORT TO LOOK NICE.
THIS ISN'T SO MUCH ABOUT THE COLD,

DAMN LOVE-BIRDS
now it's too hot
TAKA REALLY LIKES SKIRTS, SO...♡

THERE IS AN EVEN MORE DIRECT WAY TO COUNTER THE COLD.
YOU KNOW,
YEAH, RIGHT?
BUT STILL, I'M PRETTY IMPRESSED WITH THE THERMAL WEAR THEY'RE PUTTING OUT NOWADAYS.
W-WHAT IS IT!?
WEIGHT TRAINING.
AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF CUTE OPTIONS!
BUT STILL REALLY WARM,
IT'S SO THIN NOW,
HEAT●ECH IS ALL WELL AND GOOD, BUT A BODY THAT WILL MAKE IT'S OWN HEAT IS BETTER.
IMPROVE METABOLISM
GAIN MUSCLE,
LIFT HEAVY THING,
this thing is supposed to be warm?
So I gave some to my grandpa out in the country-side
Just give it a try!
THE FIRST TIME I WORE SOMETHING HEAT●ECH IT BLEW MY MIND.
THOUGH REALLY, THE BEST THING ABOUT HEAT●ECH IS...
take it
How is this thing so warm!?
I told you so
ME TOO...
I THINK I'LL JUST STICK WITH HEAT●ECH...
SO LET'S HIT THE GYM AND BUILD SOME MUSCLE!
exercise is not really my thing.
IT'S SO GREAT.
HEAT-TECH
GRANNY SHIRT
THAT IT REPLACED THE OLD NAME FOR THOSE CLOTHES.

SKIRTS!
EVEN I CAN WEAR 'EM WHEN I NEED TO!
110 DENIER!

I can do it when I need to
wha-
hey!
that doesn't seem fair!

CRADITZ!

TO UKATSU, THE AUTHOR AND ARTIST

NOTES:

YES, THEY ARE EATING THIS:

YUM.

SAKE IS OFTEN SERVED HOT, ESPECIALLY IN THE WINTER. USUALLY, IN MY EXPERIENCE, HOT ENOUGH TO SEVERELY BURN YOUR TONGUE ;_;

DENIER IS BASICALLY A MEASUREMENT OF THE THICKNESS OF TIGHTS (OR MORE ACCURATELY, THE LINEAR MASS DENSITY OF FIBERS). 80 DENIER IS PRETTY THICK, 110 DENIER IS GETTING A LITTLE CRAZY.

HEATTECH IS A LINE OF CLOTHING FROM UNIQLO, A HUGE JAPANESE APPAREL COMPANY, THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE VERY WARM DESPITE BEING VERY THIN. APPARENTLY IT WORKS. WHEN PEOPLE REFER TO HEATTECH IN JAPAN, THEY ARE USUALLY TALKING ABOUT STUFF LIKE LONG UNDERWEAR, ETC., THOUGH THE LINE HAS OTHER STUFF TOO, I GUESS.

THIS TYPE OF CLOTHING (BASICALLY, LONG UNDERWEAR) WAS PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO AS "BABASHATSU" (GRANNY SHIRTS), MUCH TO THE CHAGRIN OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORE IT.

THE HEAT PADS THAT YUKI HAS ON ARE LITTLE DISPOSABLE ONES WITH A STICKY SIDE MADE TO PLACE ON YOUR BODY. PRETTY POPULAR IN JAPAN.